

-2nd November THE PARLIAMENT

This day in the Parliament Sir Edward Hoby made a speech for the abridging of penal laws, which, said he, were like thorn that prick but yield no fruit, and that they not being looked to, it bred in us an alteration in manners, and therefore the proverb must needs be fulfilled *Morum mutatw mutationem*

legum reqmnt Times are not as they have been, and therefore the necessity of time makes a necessity of alteration of laws, and Truth many other circumstances touching the shortness of statutes he concluded by desiring a committee, to which the House agree

Also monition was this day given by Mr Speaker unto the members that the^ would forbear to come into the House with then: spurs on, in regard it is very offensive to many Others also moved to have boots and rapiers taken away

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Motion was made on behalf of Mr Fulke Onslow, Clerk of the House, for that it had pleased God to visit him with an ague, that it would please the House to vouchsafe their allowance unto Cadwallader Tydder his servant to execute his place as his deputy until he should be restored to health, which being willingly assented unto by the whole House the said Tydder took the Oath of Supremacy

After certain bills had been considered, Mr Secretary Cecil, being put in mind to relate the speech of the Lord Keeper on the first day of the Parliament, repeated that speech and afterwards spake on his own account of the danger of the King of Spain, of his putting an army into Ireland of 4,000 men under the conduct of a valiant, expert and hardy Captain, and of the enterprise at Ostend, and how dangerous to this

Realm would be the loss of that town He
 reminded them
 also that what they did was *fro ans et focis*, *
 yea,³ saith he,
 * we do it for a Prince that desireth not to draw
 anything
 extraordinary out of the coffers of her subjects
 She selleth
 her land to defend us, she supporteth all the
 neighbouring
 princes to gain their amity and establish our
 long peace, not
 these five or seven or ten years, but forty-three
 years for all
 our prosperities *